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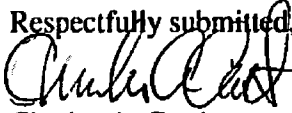
The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**Re: Duke Energy Progress, Inc. Certification of Mailing and Affidavits of
Publication - Docket No. 2015-53-E**

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

Pursuant to the Commission's letter order dated February 20, 2015, I have enclosed on behalf of Duke Energy Progress, Inc. ("Duke Energy Progress") a Certification that the Notice of Filing and Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines (the "Notice") in the above-referenced docket has been provided to Duke Energy Progress' retail customers in South Carolina by bill insert starting March 4, 2015 and completed on April 2, 2015.

I have also enclosed for filing with the Commission the Affidavits of Publication for the Notice that Duke Energy Progress published in the newspapers having general coverage in its service territory.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles A. Castle

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Shannon Bowyer Hudson, Office of Regulatory Staff
Ms. Nanette Edwards, Office of Regulatory Staff
Mr. Jeffrey M. Nelson, Office of Regulatory Staff
Mr. John Flitter, Office of Regulatory Staff

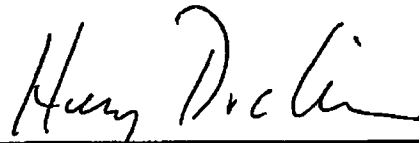
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CERTIFICATION

COUNTY WAKE COUNTY

HENRY DICKSON, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Supervisor – Revenue Services Business Operations – Mass Market Billing, Duke Energy Progress, Inc. and that he caused the attached bill insert concerning the Notice of Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines in SCPSC Docket No. 2015-53-E to be sent to each of Duke Energy Progress' retail customers in South Carolina, beginning with bills mailed on March 4, 2015 and completed with the ones mailed on April 2, 2015.

This the 6 day of April, 2015.



Henry Dickson

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this the 16th day of April, 2015.

Notary Public: Maria Edwards



My commission expires: 3/2/2018

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

CLERK'S OFFICE

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES
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THE STATE MEDIA CO., INC.
Columbia, South Carolina
publisher of

The State

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Personally appeared before me, Linda Reeves, Sales Assistant
of THE STATE, and makes oath that the advertisement,

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Clerk's Office Notice of Filing and Hearing and Prefile
Testimony Deadlines Docket No. 2015-53-E Application of Duke Energy Progress, Inc. To Establish
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was inserted in THE STATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in
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March 4, 2015


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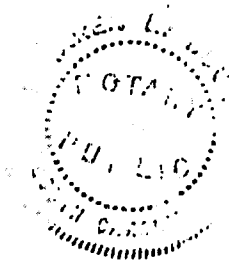
Subscribed and sworn to before me, Karen L. Book,

on this day, March 5, 2015


Notary Public

My commission expires
September 25, 2016.

*"Errors- the liability of the publisher on account of errors in
or omissions from any advertisement will in no way exceed
the amount of the charge for the space occupied by the item in
error, and then only for the first incorrect insertion."*



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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
• Attention: Clerk's Office • Post Office Drawer 11649 • Columbia, SC 29211

Certified Affidavit

Cheraw Chronicle

114 Front St. PO Box 1389

Cheraw SC 29520

Phone (843) 537-5261 – Fax (843) 537-5161

Federal ID No. ~~45-255899~~

Duke Energy Business Service
410 S. Wilmington Street
NCRH 20
Raleigh NC 27601

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD

Amount of Bill: \$ 192.00

I, Judy Cagle, Business Development Manager of the
Cheraw Chronicle
a newspaper published in Chesterfield County, SC
certify that the annexed advertisement of

Docket No. 2015-53-E

was duly published in the aforesaid newspaper
1 time(s) for consecutive weeks
beginning with the issue dated 03/12/15

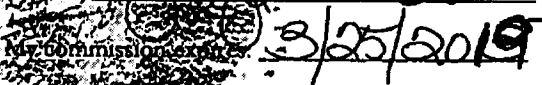
(Signed)


Richmond County Daily Journal

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public,

This 13th day of March, 2015

(Signed)


My Commission Expires 3/25/2019

Date 03/12/15

Please pay this amount: \$ 192.00

IMPORTANT: PLEASE RETAIN THIS AFFIDAVIT FOR YOUR RECORDS FOR LEGAL REASONS.

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Affidavit of Publication

The News and Press, Inc.

Darlington, South Carolina

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON

Personally appeared before me, the general manager or publisher, who being duly sworn, says that he / she is the General Manager or Publisher of *The News and Press, Inc.*, a newspaper published in the City and State aforesaid, and that the Legal Notice, a copy of which is hereto attached, was published in said newspaper 1 times, to wit:

On the 04 day of March, 2015

On the _____ day of _____, _____

On the _____ day of _____, _____


Authorized Representative of The News and Press, Inc.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

09 day of March, A.D., 2015


Notary Public of South Carolina
My commission expires May 25, 2022

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DILLON, S.C.

The Dillon Herald

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who being duly sworn says that she

is an associate

of The Dillon Herald, a newspaper published

weekly in the City and State aforesaid, and

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and hearing

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a copy of which is attached

was published in said newspaper 1 times

to wit: Carla M. Rogers

On the 3rd day of March, 2015

On the _____ day of _____ 20____

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this

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Johnnie G. Daniels L.S.

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My Commission Expires 8-17-2021

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OF THE NEWS JOURNAL, A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED
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AS SHOWN BY THE FILES OF SAID COMPANY IN ACCORDANCE
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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS 18th DAY OF march, 2015

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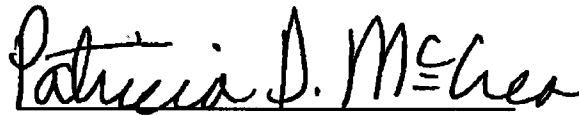
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On the 4th day of March, 2015



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March 3, 2015.

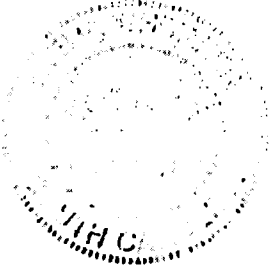
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Shelia Whitaker

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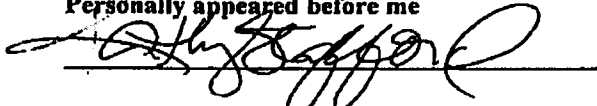
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Application of Duke Energy Progress, Inc. to Establish a Distributed Energy Resource Program

Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) to implement a Distributed Energy Resource Program (DER Program) to accomplish and further the purposes and goals of the South Carolina Distributed Energy Resource Program (Act 236 or the Act). Act 236 which, in part, promotes the establishment of a reliable, efficient, and diversified portfolio of distributed energy resources for the State, permits an electrical utility to apply to the Commission for approval to participate in a DER Program. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-39-130.

The Company's portfolio of initiatives is designed to increase the capacity of renewable generation located in its service area from 100 kilowatts (kW), as of January 1, 2015, to approximately 27,000 kW by January 1, 2021. In its Application, DEP proposed three, new customer initiatives designed to meet the specific requirements set forth in S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-39-130(C)(2): the NEM DER Incentive; the Solar Rebate Program; and the Shared Solar Program. Pages 9, 10, and 11 of the Application contain summaries of these initiatives.

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